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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2131

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 For: PERSON AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM, )  
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**RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 15, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.